

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF FISH INTRODUCTIONS  
PRIVATE POND APPLICATION**

**Name and address of applicant** Kevin Pearce  
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**Has the pond been approved for a private pond permit** Yes

**Location:**

**County** Madison **Township** 4S **Range** 5W **Section** 26

**Name of drainage where the pond would be located** Mill Creek

**Name(s) of fish species proposed for introduction** Rainbow Trout

**Is this species of fish legally present in the drainage** Yes

**RISKS:**

**Potential for impacts on genetic structure of existing fish populations?**

**None** ☐ **Minor** ☒ **Major** ☐

**Comments:**

Only due to structure failure or catastrophic flood event.

**Impacts to any life stage of existing fish population due to competition and/or predation?** **None** ☐ **Minor** ☒ **Major** ☐

**Comments:**

See above.

**Impacts to other forms of aquatic life that may be caused by this introduction?**

**None** ☐ **Minor** ☒ **Major** ☐

**Comments:**

See above.

**Potential for the proposed new species to reproduce in this location?**

**None** ☐ **Minor** ☒ **Major** ☐

**Comments:**

Spawning habitat does not appear to be available in the inlet channel.

**If necessary, would it be feasible to remove this species after it has been stocked?**  
Yes, through use of pond drawdown, natural age-driven mortality in lieu of stocking, or use of piscicide.

**Would this introduction result in impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable?**

Yes. Because the pond outlet discharges into Mill Creek, whirling disease, nutrients, or thermal effects could result in the receiving water.

**Describe reasonable and prudent alternatives to this action, if any (including no action).**

No action.

**Describe and evaluate mitigation, stipulations, or other control measures enforceable by the agency, if any.**

Limit species of salmonid to stock to rainbow trout from approved source.

**List any other agencies and individuals who have been notified of this proposed introduction:**

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Web Site  
EQC

**Based on this evaluation, is an EIS required?** No

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**Comments will be accepted until** April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003

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